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similar re-arrangement and systematization. And granted that such re-arrangement and abridgement were desirable for some purposes, Dr. Lévy's monograph may be recommended as a useful and very readable summary of the philosophy of Maimonides. Those who have not the time or inclination to attack the *Guide for the Perplexed*, will find here a reliable account of the salient features of the cosmic and religious philosophy of our greatest mediaeval thinker. Students of the *Guide* may also welcome this compendium, the value of which is considerably enhanced by constant references to sources. The subjects are treated in the following order:—Préparation à la métaphysique (notions métaphysiques générales); Dieu (existence de Dieu, nature de Dieu); le Monde (le monde supérieur, le monde inférieur, la création); Rapports de Dieu avec le monde (omniscience, providence, finalité, le problème du mal, le miracle); l'Âme (connaissance, prophétie, liberté et immortalité). A full bibliography is also given.

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DR. MENDES' JEWISH RELIGION.

The Jewish Religion Ethically Presented, by H. PEREIRA MENDES.
New York, 1905. Pp. 188.

"Ethically presented" is a provoking superfluity in the title of a book on Judaism. The phrase only invites misapprehension by suggesting that the Jewish religion may also be presented otherwise than ethically. It would have been far better if the subject had been more "logically" presented. The ethical side of Judaism can take care of itself; no accurate account of it can be anything except ethical. But logical treatment, let alone loftiness of style, that is another matter. This is where the book before us is very disappointing. Unnecessary repetitions, extravagant fancies, and inexactness of language all betray this radical weakness. It seems not improbable that by "ethically" the author meant "homiletically," for the book has all the features of a certain class of homilies. The book, however, contains a rich store of Bible texts, which may be turned to good account; but care must be taken to avoid an occasional mistranslation or misapplication (e. g. on p. 125, Hos. xiii. 14 is adduced in support of immortality). A "Jewish Glossary" forms a somewhat significant appendix.

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